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YOUR FACEBOOK ADDRESS so we can add you to our FACEBOOK FOSTER FAMILY GROUP NETWORK (a private group only for our foster families) _____

Date: _____

Name: _____ Are you over 18 years old? Yes No

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Do you own or rent the place where you live: _____ If you rent, are animals allowed: _____

If there are restrictions on animals, explain: _____

If you rent or reside in another person's home, provide their name and telephone number: _____

Number of children in your household: _____ Their ages: _____

Do you have a yard: Yes No Is the yard completely fenced: Yes No

Circle option that describes your normal day: Home all day Out part-time gone 7-10 hrs daily

Indicate pets currently living with you: ___Dogs ___Cats ___Birds ___Other

Name of your veterinarian: _____

Are your pets: ___Indoor only ___Outdoor only ___Both

Are your pets current on their vaccinations: _____

Are all your pets spayed and/or neutered: Yes No If no, please explain: _____

How long are you willing to foster at any one time: _____

Are you willing to foster more than one animal at a time: Yes No

Any foster pet you take needs to get along with: ___dogs ___cats ___kids

How will the foster pet receive exercise: _____

Have you fostered an animal before: Yes No If yes, what organization did you foster for: _____

AM WILLING TO FOSTER THE FOLLOWING PETS: (PLS CIRCLE ALL YOU ARE WILLING TO FOSTER)

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| • Young unweaned kittens without a mom | Yes | No |
| • Young unweaned kittens with mom | Yes | No |
| • Weaned kittens | Yes | No |
| • Adult cats | Yes | No |
| • Young unweaned puppies without a mom | Yes | No |
| • Young unweaned puppies with mom | Yes | No |
| • Weaned puppies | Yes | No |
| • Adult dogs | Yes | No |
| • Pocket pets [ferret, hamster, gerbil, etc.] | Yes | No |
| • Rabbits | Yes | No |
| • Other [specify _____] | Yes | No |
| • Sick or injured pets | Yes | No |

Where will the foster pet be kept [indicate "day" with a "D" and "night" with an "N"]:

- Loose Indoors Basement Garage Closed in a room
 Fenced yard Pen [x] Loose outdoors
 Tied outside Crate or Carrier Other: _____

Have you cared for young, unweaned puppies or kittens before: Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you ever given medication to sick animals before: Yes No If yes, explain: _____

I, _____ [name of foster applicant] make the above statements and voluntarily enter into this agreement to provide a temporary home as a foster caregiver to any animal/s ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING may temporarily place in my care.

- I understand that I may be required to provide foster care to my foster animal for an extended and indefinite period of time.
- I agree that I am over 21 years of age.
- I understand that ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING provides no guarantee as to the health of my foster animal and that my foster animal may have medical needs, socialization problems, and may not be housebroken.
- I agree to provide my foster animal with veterinary care as authorized by ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING I will not arrange or pay for any elective veterinary care for my foster animal without the express consent of an authorized ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING representative.
- I will take all necessary precautions to prevent my foster animal from either impregnating another animal or becoming impregnated. In the event that happens, I will notify ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING immediately.
- I understand that I may only have my foster animal temporarily.
- I agree that I am fostering this animal for ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING, and that I do not have any right of ownership over this foster animal/s. I further agree that ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING rights in and to my foster animal are superior to mine.
- I agree to immediately return any foster animal in my care to ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING at the request of its authorized representative at any time and for any reason. If ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING is forced to undertake legal action to enforce this provision of the agreement, I agree to indemnify ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING for all court costs and attorneys fees connected with such an action.
- If I am planning to move at any time during the period when I am housing a foster animal, I agree to contact ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING prior to my move and provide ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING with my new contact information. I understand that ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING has the right to request return of my foster animal based on my change of residence, and agree that I will surrender my foster animal to ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING immediately upon request.

- I understand that as long as I provide foster care to my foster animal to ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING's satisfaction, I will be given the first right of adoption of my foster animal, at such time as ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING decides to place my foster animal for adoption.
- If at any point I can no longer, or do not want to continue to, provide care and shelter for my foster animal, I agree to contact ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING and arrange for surrender and return of my foster animal back to ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING
- I will not transfer possession or custody of my foster animal to any other person at any time, except for temporary, short-term possession for the purpose of vet care, grooming, etc.
- I agree to contact ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING with any and all questions or concerns about my foster animal or the Foster Care Program as well as with updated contact information.
- I agree that if I refuse or fail to comply with any provision of this agreement, ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING has the right to terminate this agreement and also has the right to the immediate surrender and return of my foster animal(s). I further consent to provide ANIMAL SHELTER INC OF STERLING access to my premises if necessary to facilitate the return.
- I agree that the opportunity given to me to help rehabilitate my foster animal, as well as the chance of a potential future adoption, is of significant benefit to me, and serves as proper legal consideration in exchange for my agreement to the terms of this contract.

I have read this application and Agreement in its entirety, and I agree that all statements and agreements contained in this document are made by me and are truthful, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Massachusetts.

Once your application is returned to the shelter – the shelter staff will contact you to follow up on your application and will add you to our shelters FOSTER FACEBOOK GROUP (please make sure all writing and EMAIL is legible)

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Please Return Application and Agreement to:


ANIMAL SHELTER INC
17 LAURELWOOD ROAD – STERLING – MA – 01564
OR FAX TO 978-422-8574 OR EMAIL TO STAFF@STERLINGSHELTER.ORG

For ANIMAL SHELTER INC use only:

Approved: Yes No Staff Initials: _____

Date: _____

Com-
ments: _____



The Starfish Story


An old man was walking on the beach one morning after a storm. In the distance, he could see someone moving like a dancer. As he came closer, he saw that it was a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the ocean. "Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die," she said.

"But young lady, do you not realize that there are many miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You cannot possibly make a difference."


The young woman listened politely, then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference for that one."

~Adapted from the original by Loren Eiseley



LIFE'S A DANCE

i'm not telling you it is going to be **easy, i'm telling you it's going to be **worth it**.**



Thank You Volunteers!

We ❤️ you.

Sometimes the difference between life and death is YOU.

Adopt. Rescue. Foster. Transport. Sponsor. Donate. Volunteer. Educate.

CARE.
Don't Walk Away.



DO SOMETHING!



We PAWS to say thanks to our wonderful volunteers!

